

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 8-16 have been canceled. Amended claims 1 and 5-7 are in this application.

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,543) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,883), Proehl (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589), Rasanky (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,406), Etheredge (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,372), and Kahl (U.S. Patent No. 5,936,625).

Independent claim 1 has been amended herein so as to recite in part the following:

means for selecting whether the reservation information is a recording reservation for recording the broadcast program or a viewing reservation for viewing the broadcast program and for causing a respective indication thereof to be added to the schedule table such that the indication for the recording reservation is different than the indication for the viewing reservation. (Emphasis Added)

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of references as applied by the Examiner does not appear to disclose the above identified features of claim 1. That is, and as best understood, in explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner appears to assert that Wehmeyer (in particular, lines 13-17 of col. 12 thereof) discloses such features of claim 1. Although such portion of Wehmeyer appears to indicate "automating tuning" and "automatic recording", such portion does not appear to disclose causing a respective indication to be added to a schedule table for a recording reservation or a viewing reservation such that the indication

for the recording reservation is different from that for the viewing reservation.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, Rasanky, Etheredge, and Kahl.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 6, and 7 are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, Rasanky, Etheredge, and Kahl.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

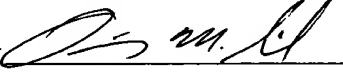
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If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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